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SWIMMING.

We have from time to time in this journal given our advocacy of the art of swimming, and we take credit to ourselves for having extended this very useful art, as the following will show. The last great event was for the Championship of the Thames and £50, which was won by Mather, of Manchester, being the second time of holding the Cup, the distance being two miles. To show the endurance of man in the watery element we refer our readers to a race which took place in the Mersey, for a gold medal, the winner, Mr. Gellin, being in the water one hour and forty minutes—distance, six miles. A match took place on the Serpentine, on the 1st inst., between Jones (London Swimming Club) and Coater, the distance being the length of the lake, which was won by the latter after a very spirited contest. Another of the monthly races took place at the Fimble Baths last Monday, for a handsome silver cup, the gift of "A Swimmer," won by Carr. The cups are open to all comers, having no entrance fee, and have brought together some of the best swimmers in England. Four of these cups have, to the present date, been won, the winners being Gardner (who swam Mather for the Championship), Jones, Drakeford, and Carr. One on the 1st Monday of every month is to be given this season, barring the winners. We are glad to see a new bath has just been opened at Blackheath, with every prospect of great success. A novelty is to be introduced, unattended with danger, namely, a trapeze. One of the members of the Royal Humane Society is going to give a gold medal, value £5, to all comers, professionals being negative, and we believe it is likely to be one mile in the Thames; and, to give encouragement to the contest, the London Swimming Club have determined upon giving a silver medal, value £2, for the second man. We have seen the latter medal, and a very handsome one it is. We are sorry to see the Royal Humane Society does not endeavour to promote the art as it ought to do, and follow the example set by the above worthy institution. The president of the London Swimming Club has signified his intention of giving £5 annually, to be contested for by its members as soon as the club has come to a determination as to distance.

BIRMINGHAM.

KENT-STREET BATHS, BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday evening last a large number of people assembled to witness several swimming matches fixed to come off, for cups and other prizes, the company being of the most select description. At a quarter before eight the bell rang for the commencement of sport. The

first event was a swimming match by members of the Birmingham Swimming Club, for a handsome cup, for which three competitors entered the lists. Eight lengths of the bath. Mr. A. Drakeford, 1; Mr. J. Drakeford, 2; Mr. G. Howells, 3. Won very cleverly by two lengths.

The next event was a match for a cup, by members of the Birmingham Swimming Club of the third class. First heat: Mr. W. Griffiths, 1; Mr. J. Power, 2; Mr. G. Anderson (absent); won easily. Second heat: Mr. Johnson (for Mr. I. Keel, absent from illness), 1; Mr. T. Bird, 2; Mr. J. Taylor (absent). Won easily after a pretty race.

Professor Foulton next went through a variety of evolutions on the water, such as swimming backwards, motions, floating, eating, drinking, and smoking under the water, and other equally wonderful feats. Next followed a third swimming match for a handsome goblet, by members of the Birmingham Swimming Club.—First heat: J. McGee, 1; R. Laitwiche, 2; G. Hicken, 3. A very fine race, gamely contested to the end, won by a yard. Second heat: W. Griffiths, 1; E. Houghton, 2; T. Mucklow (for T. Keel), 3; J. Brookshaw, 4. A very hot contest between Messrs. Griffiths and Houghton; won by a length.

Now came a novelty rarely witnessed, a match by five competitors in a suit of clothes, resulting as follows:—G. Howells, 1; J. Drakeford, 2; R. Price, 3; R. Mucklow, 4; J. Brookshaw, 5. A most exciting race. Professor Foulton now introduced Mr. E. B. Mather, Champion Swimmer of England, who exhibited the Champion Cup, of massive silver, richly chased, with emblematical design engraved on the side. Mr. Mather then proceeded to unrobe, and swam a friendly match with Mr. H. Keel, the Birmingham Champion, ten lengths of the bath, when their respective merits were freely canvassed, and appeared to the casual observer pretty evenly balanced, Mr. Keel just winning by a foot.

Mr. Copeland, who presided over the business, then proceeded to award the prizes, after which the company separated, highly delighted with their evening's entertainment.

E. B. MATHER has covered Beckwith's £5 to make a match with him for the Championship and Cup. We hope this match will at once go on, especially as Beckwith has not swam in a match for a long time. The excitement will be great to know who is the better man.

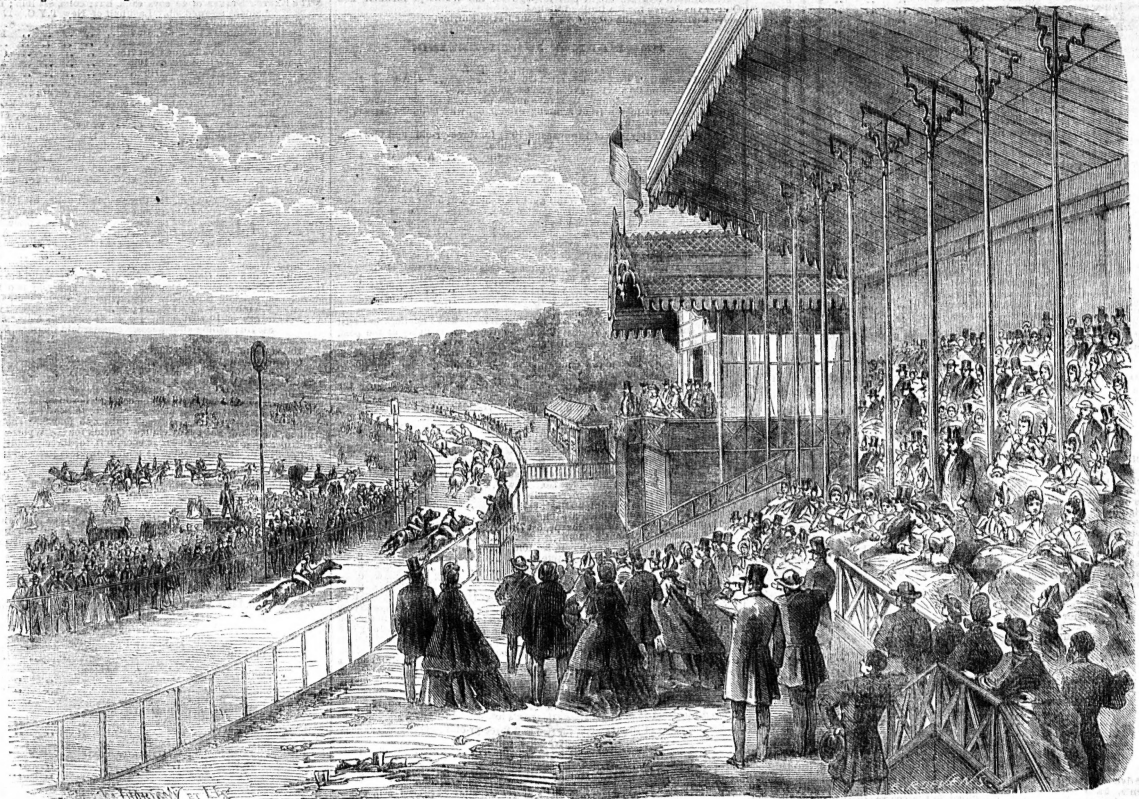
H. GARDNER will swim Coulter one or two miles in the Thames, for £50 a side. A match can be won by Coulter or his friends calling at F. Beckwith's, Post Office Stores, Kennington-road, on Saturday night.

J. JONES, although defeated by Coulter, will swim him again if he allows a small start, or stakes £50 to £20; or he will swim Mather or P. Johnson, of Manchester, for £20 a side, or takes a small start from Gardner, in a quarter of a mile, for the same amount.

QUOITS.

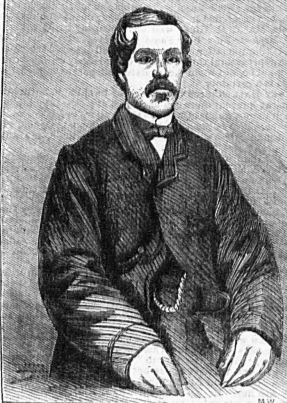
TREDDLE AND HOLIDAY.—An important quoit match took place at the Fenn Park Grounds, Newcastle, on Saturday last, between John Tredde, of Lead Gate, and Thomas Holiday, of Black Hill, to play 61 shots up, with 5in quoits, for £25 a side. These men contested seven weeks ago for a lesser sum, and it was only after some exceedingly spirited competition that Tredde managed to vanquish his opponent with only one point to spare. The extreme closeness of the result piqued the partisans of Holiday, and in order to retrieve lost laurels the present match, after some desultory conversation, was ratified to the satisfaction of the principals. These grounds, although equalling any, and exceeding many in the kingdom, are too great a distance from Newcastle to command any extraordinary assemblies, and unless the attractions are of a very enticing nature there is seldom that support bestowed which the management is fairly entitled to; and on this account there were certainly not more than seventy persons present to witness the present encounter. The betting at the outset was necessarily very limited, Tredde having the preference. The match requires little comment, as Tredde made the best of the game, and eventually won by 11 points. The playing on both sides was very inferior, and certainly not commensurate with the abilities of the competitors.

ROYAL AND WILDER.—On Saturday last there was a goodly muster at the grounds of Mr. Roy, Royal Oak, Openshaw, near Manchester, to witness a match between W. Roy, of Salford, and A. Wilder, of Duffield, to play the best of 61 shots up, for £10 a side, 5in quoits, stiff-sticking clay ends. Mr. Holden was stakeholder, and Mr. William Burgess (the Flitting quoter) was referee. Betting opened at even, and rose to slight odds on Roy, but Wilder won the match by nine chills, the game standing at the finish—Wilder, 61; Roy, 52. We are authorised to state that Wilder will accommodate any man breathing on the same conditions as this match, for £25 a side. By sending articles and a deposit to Mr. Holden, a match may be made.



INAUGURATION OF THE HIPPODROME OF LA VALLEE DE LA SOLE. AT FONTAINEBLEAU, IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF THE FRENCH.

(After the sketch by M. Moullin.)



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PEDESTRIANISM.

METROPOLITAN RACE GROUND, HACKNEY WICK.

Monday.—There was an excellent attendance here to-day to witness the quarter of a mile handicap, for which a baker's dozen came to the post. The allowance of 40 yds start gave Sutton such an advantage that he succeeded in pulling off the first heat. The second fell to Naughton, 50 yds less; and young Keefe, 45 yds, attained the mastery in the third. For the concluding struggle the winner was found in Naughton, Sutton taking second place, and Keefe proved the last one.

MR. NOVICE RACE.—This race fell to Baddeley, who beat Oldmans really by two yards. Best time was third.

FIVE MILE HANDICAP.—This was a race for a silver cup, for which the following men started, and were handicapped thus: Barker, 270 yds start; Brunsell, 300; Richards, 300; Andrews, 350; Jones, 500; Corkey, 450. When three miles of the distance had been accomplished, the interest of the struggle became centered in old Harry Andrews and Brunsell, and after a fine and exciting race between these noted pedestrians to the finish, so close together were they on running the goal that the referee, on being appealed to, decided that the men had run a dead heat. After some discussion they agreed to stake 210 a side, and run it off on Saturday (to-day).

PRINCE OF WALES GROUND, BOW.

Saturday.—The usual Saturday holidays were observed with the customary spirit on this occasion. Cox and Brown—Harry Cox, of Poplar, and T. Roberts, of Rotherhithe, ran 500 yds, for £10 a side. The latter had the turn of speed as starting, but was nearly caught on the railway side by Cox, whose chance, however, was jeopardized by falling. Roberts, the non-favorite, consequently won by five or six yards.

MR. COOK AND SIMMONDS' SPARROW SHOOTING MATCH.—This was awarded to the latter, who succeeded in "bring" one more sparrow than his opponent.

STAYERS' NOVICE AND JUNIORS.—This was a six-score yards race for £10, the former being allowed four yards start, and backed freely at 5 to 4. Eventually he won easily by a couple of yards.

WALKING MATCH AGAINST TIME.—J. Clarke, of Shorefield, essayed to walk seven miles against time, viz., sixty-one minutes. He succeeded in accomplishing his task, according to the appended time:—

1st mile	8 0
2nd mile	16 24
3rd mile	25 5
4th mile	33 50
5th mile	42 45
6th mile	51 30
7th mile	60 10

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

ASTON CROSS.—On Saturday last a match was run at these grounds, which had the effect of drawing to gather a number of the lovers of the good old sport of pedestrianism, and the interest of the hour doubtless had the effect of swelling the numbers most materially, as it was half-past seven before the men came on the ground. At that hour G. Yates, of Blunworth, the Minworth boy, and C. Deakin, of Sutton, came forward to run one lap round the grounds, for £5 a side. Both men were the sons of condition. Yates was waited on by C. Catlin, late of Lincoln, while Deakin had for his mentor Geo. Harshorn, a pedestrian renown. At a quarter before eight the men got on the scratch, twenty minutes being allowed to get the start. After the whole of the time had been wasted, the pistol had to be resorted to, when, at the first click, Yates dashed off in fine style, Deakin hesitating till Yates had obtained a good 8 yds start, when he got off at a hot pace, and continued every inch of ground, gaining considerably on his opponent, but unable to wrest the lead from him. Yates coming in a winner by 2 yds. No money changed hands on the affair, although 10 to 5 on Yates was offered in several places. Mr. J. Coates refereed.

At the conclusion of the above a hand match was made between the same men for £2 a side, to be the same men for £2 a side, to be run in half an hour. Consequently

the men appeared again on the scratch at half-past eight, and, after several ineffectual attempts, they got off, Deakin this time with a bye to the heat, and the race followed, ending in Deakin gradually drawing away, and winning by three yards. Mr. J. Coates again did the useful as referee.

Monday.—The tempting influences of a most brilliant July day, added to the diversity of attractions offered, combined to gather a large concourse of people at these grounds on Monday last. Shortly after three o'clock Messrs. Webb and Dandley, both of Wednesday, came on for their six-score yards match, for £10. Both men were in excellent trim for the event, and on showing Webb had performed creditably on a former occasion the odds receded, and even became the current quotation. 20min allowed on scratch were wasted in running out, when, by desire, an additional 5min were allowed, during which time they got off, and a fine race ensued. Webb, who got the head at the start, breasting the tape a good yard in advance. Mr. Ben Hawkins, of Wednesday, took the refereeing.

The above over, preparations were at once pushed forward for the sparring benefit got up for Peter Morris, Champion of the Feather-weights, and at half-past four that indefatigable pugilist master of the ceremonies, J. Indianman, bowed on the brothers Foley, who had three bouts, and retired, being succeeded by Young Drew, the London star, and Jen Fox, the latter of whom, it must be admitted, performed very cleverly on the Londoner, who certainly somewhat disappointed the preconcerted notions of superiority formed by all present. A rare treat was now in store for the lovers of scientific boxing, Mick McCabe (Mac Collinson's promising protégé) and the Darkie (G. Hosmer), whose gallant battle with Young Lamb, of Coventry, must be fresh in the remembrance of all, stepping on to the boards. Three most scientific and determined bouts were the issue, the little wonders being greeted with shout after shout of applause. The next to show were Dan Crutchley and Toddy Middleton, and to give the latter his due, he made a highly creditable performance with his clever opponent. That quiet and unassuming aspirant to "getting on" to Jenny on the memorable 21st of December, as he certainly did the worthy host of the White Lion to some tune. After some minor stars had exhibited the various points in the noble art, Peter Morris and Jen Fox (in the absence of Young Holden, of Walsall), proceeded to wind up the entertainment by a show of some brilliant boxing. The company separately well pleased with the afternoon's sport.

INCORPORATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES NEW RUNNING GROUNDS, HOLLOWAY ROAD.—Most assuredly Monday last was a red-letter day in the pedestrian annals of Birmingham, and the sporting public were much divided in opinion as to which should have their patronage, the Cross, with its most picturesque bill of fare, as above enumerated, or Mr. Littler's new ground, with the easy owing, however, entirely to the taste display of the stars, London six hundred paid admission to the contest, without which counter-attraction the Prince of Wales would undoubtedly have been in the ascendant. As it was, some of a glorious summer's day, at half-past four the sport commenced. First heat: H. Brown, 58 yds, 1; R. Bullivant, Nottingham, 56; T. Browning, 59, absent; G. Yates, Minworth, 58, absent; W. Holbrook, Notts, 57, absent. At the click, Brown went off at a winning pace, Bullivant not leaving the mark until Brown had a good 8 yds lead. A brilliant contest ensued, Bullivant striving to make up the lost ground, but unable to effect his object, as Brown ran in a winner by two yards. Second heat: J. Clarke, 63, 1; G. Deakin, 57, 2. Roberts, 58, absent; W. Waiman, Coventry, 53, absent; R. Chester, 59, 3rd heat: J. Hodgson, 53, 1; C. Catlin, Lincoln, 59; T. Woodcock, Arnold, 54, absent; W. Lane, Nottingham, 57, absent; T. Mordyke, 60, absent. Hodgson for so young a performer. Catlin, leading the race too hot, ran off the ground at the turning for the straight run home. Fourth heat: G. Harshorn, Isaac Green, 54, 1; T. Newbold, Wolverhampton, 55; D. Villiers, Coventry, 58, absent; J. Wright, Lichfield, 58, absent. A neck and neck race throughout, Harshorn breasting the tape half a yard in advance of the Wolverhampton



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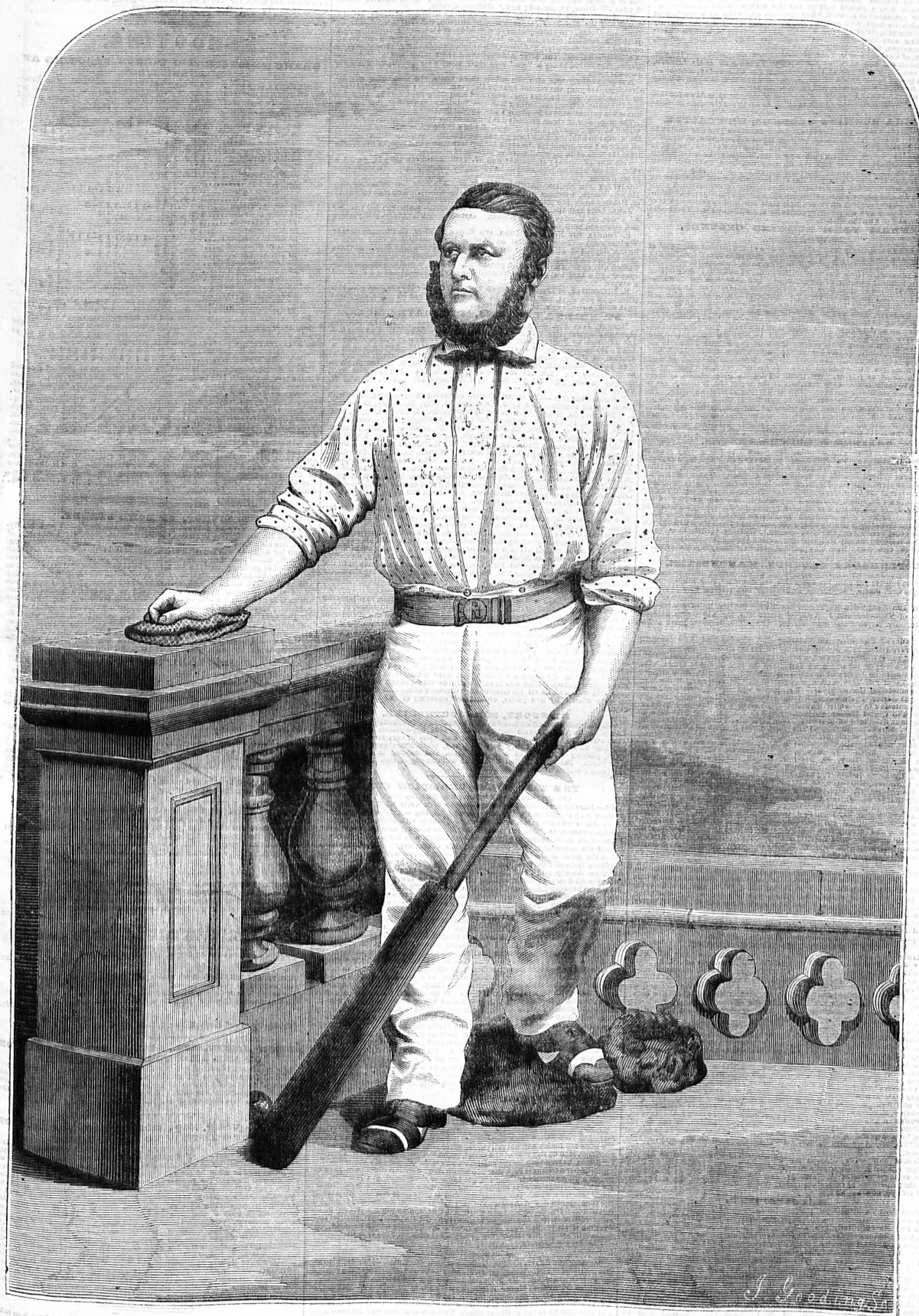
representative. Fifth heat: T. Brown, 50, 1; W. Dodd, 60, absent; T. Cooper, 65, absent; J. Collins, Balaclava Hill, 58, absent. Brown walked over at a running pace. Sixth heat: J. Draper, 54, 1; H. Doley, 63, 2; G. Yates, Hulme, 58; W. Williams, Great Bridge, 58. Doley got off the mark before the capellan, and was put back a yard. A beautiful race ensued, the men keeping "in a rack" to the turn for the straight run home, when Draper singled himself out, closely watched on by Doley, and ran in a winner by a half a yard only. Seventh heat: T. Long, 58, 1; G. Holcroft, 59, 2. Yates and Yates close up. Hams and Yates close up. Seventh heat: E. Cooper, Manton, 58, 1; G. Rogers, 62, a Cruglington, London, 52 (absent); G. Peters, 55 (absent). A good race, won by a yard. Eighth heat: G. Mole, Walsall, 43, 1; C. Lee, 58, 2; J. Brown, 59, 3. Yates after a well-contested race. Ninth heat: B. Burke, 58, 1; J. Harrison, Leicester, 57, 2. Peters, 57 (absent); W. Scholfield, Heywood, 50 yds (absent). Won by a yard after a good race. Tenth heat: J. Meakin, Carlton, 47, 1; J. Hitchenman, 59, 2; J. Bolton, 65; W. Evans, London, 54 (absent). Won easily. Eleventh heat: J. Pevin, 61, 1; H. Bird, 63; J. Nolan, Manchester, 51 (absent); W. Harrow, Coventry, 60 (absent). Won by a yard and a half. Twelfth heat: T. Long, 58, 1; G. Holcroft, 59, 2. Moline, 58, (absent); J. Stokes, Blunworth, 60 yds (absent). Won by a yard after a well-contested race. Mr. C. Bolton, referee.

Considering the short time that has elapsed since the proprietor commenced the formation of these grounds, they are in admirable condition, and time only is required to render them a formidable rival to Aston Cross, possessing as they do the great advantage of being centrally situated. A considerable improvement, however, is urgently demanded in carrying out most stringent regulations as regards keeping the grounds clear for the competitors, as a regular rush right across the grounds was made by the crowd assembling, completely shutting out all view from the referee. We trust this will be remedied in future.

THURSDAY.—A large company again assembled at these grounds, to witness the running of Monday's handicap, for which the winners contended as follows:—First heat: G. Mole, 45 yds, 1; G. Holcroft, 59, 2. Burke, 58, H. Brown, 58. Mole three latter not appearing. Second heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Third heat: B. Burke, 58, H. Brown, 58. Mole three latter not appearing. Fourth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Fifth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Sixth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Seventh heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Eighth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Ninth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Tenth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Eleventh heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing. Twelfth heat: J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Cooper, 58, 1; J. Pevin, 61, 2; J. Meakin, 47, 1; T. Long, 58, 2. Mole three latter not appearing.

THE FAR-FAMED BISHOP OF BOND-STREET.

(From the Original Picture in the possession of the Bishop.)



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